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SUBJECT: US-PRC CULTURAL EXCHANGES

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO HOWARD SOLLENBERGER, DIRECTOR OF FSI.
2. THERE IS AT PRESENT NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT ON MOTE VISA AND PLANS FOR TRAVEL TO PRC BY LINGUISTS DELEGATION ARE IN ABEYANCE. CSC WILL MEET THURSDAY OCTOBER 10 TO CONSIDER MATTER, AND WE WILL CABLE SOLLENBERGER AND USLO THE COMMITTEE DECISION TOGETHER WITH DEPARTMENT COMMENTS BY COB OCTOBER 11 AT LATEST. CONSEQUENTLY WE RECOMMEND THAT SOLLENBERGER NOT PLAN TO LEAVE TOKYO BEFORE OCTOBER 12.
3. CSC FEELS STRONGLY THAT IF SOLLENBERGER WERE TO TRY AT THIS TIME TO VISIT PEKING IN CAPACITY OF DIRECTOR OF FSI RATHER THAN DELEGATION MEMBER, CHINESE AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WOULD CONSTRUE THIS AS BREAKING RANKS. WE NOTE THAT SOLLENBERGER VISA WAS ISSUED FOR PURPOSES OF DELEGATION VISIT, AND IF HE WERE TO VISIT PRC IN DIFFERENT CAPACITY WE WOULD HAVE TO APPROACH
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CHINESE AGAIN. CSC AND DEPARTMENT AGREE THAT SUCH AN

ACTION WOULD PROBABLY GIVE CHINESE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT
CSC AND LINGUIST DELEGATION POSITION WAS BEING UNDERMINED.
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BOTH CU AND EA/PRCM REGRETFULLY AGREE SOLLENBERGER SHOULD
NOT TRY FOR SEPARATE PRC VISIT AT THIS TIME.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY SOONEST FOR TRANSMIS-
SION TO SOLLENBERGER THE RESULTS OF CSC MEETING ON
LINGUISTS AND DEPARTMENT'S FURTHER COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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